

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Communist Bloc

a. Moscow has dealt Peiping a further insult. The Yugoslavs have been invited to send a delegation to the East German party congress opening next Tuesday.

b. For the Yugoslavs, who will be officially represented at a Bloc party conclave for the first time since their 1948 break with Moscow, this represents an additional mark of hospitality on the part of the Moscow-led Communist fraternity.

c. As the East German congress nears, Soviet propaganda is turning out a steady stream of anti-Chinese philippics.

2. Cuba

a. [redacted] fighter aircraft were practicing "zooms" up to altitudes of 59,000 and 65,000 feet. [redacted]

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b. [redacted]
[redacted] daily fighter patrols along the northern coast have been in effect [redacted]

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3. Communist China-
India

a. [redacted]

[redacted] the Chinese made no bones of the fact that an urge to cut the Indians down to size figured large in their border assault. "China," in the words of one top Chinese leader, "really cannot accept" India's attitude, which like that of the Americans and British, is one of superiority towards the Chinese.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] Mao Tse-tung [redacted]

[redacted] is not at all abreast of current international affairs.

4. Spain-NATO

a. A Spanish bid for NATO membership would face heavy going, a canvass of US missions in NATO capitals shows.

b. The issue lies dormant in almost all of the countries. None of them, it seems, would be eager to take the lead on behalf of the Spanish.

c. If the question should arise, however, strongest support

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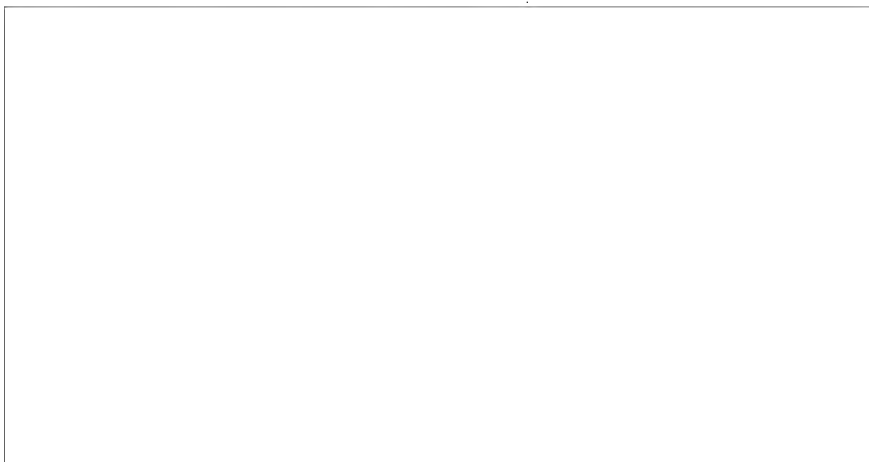
would probably come from West Germany and Portugal. France, Greece, Canada and Turkey could be expected to go along. Italy would be lukewarm.

d. Antipathy to the Spanish regime runs strongest in the UK, Denmark, Norway, Belgium and Iceland. All could be counted on to oppose.

5. Soviet naval developments

a. The tempo of construction of nuclear submarines for the Pacific Fleet has evidently been increased.

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6. Jordan

a. Husayn's government is in trouble.

b. A general strike was called in Jerusalem yesterday in protest against the removal of the city's governor for refusal to clamp down on local critics of the government.

c. The Jordanian foreign minister--a member of the same prominent West Jordan family as the ousted governor--offered, but subsequently withdrew, his own resignation.

d. At the root of the estrangement is West Jordan's parochialism, always a trial to Amman, which is now deepened by dissatisfaction with the government's policy toward Yemen.

7. France-UK-EEC

a. The next round of negotiations on Britain's Common Market application is scheduled to get under way in Brussels on Monday.

b. The Benelux countries and Italy have indicated that they will go into the meeting prepared to do what they can to help the British case. West Germany, though expressing the same sentiments, is more of a question mark because of the Adenauer-De Gaulle relationship.

c. The French attitude is, if anything, more puzzling than ever in the aftermath of Nassau. The French press has broken out in a rash of reports saying that the government is convinced that Nassau reinforced the historic "special" relations between Washington and London. The influential Le Monde alleges that admission of the UK to the Common Market would open the gate to an "American Trojan Horse."

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8. Congo

a. Tshombé slipped out of Elisabethville yesterday and is now in Ndola in Northern Rhodesia. He declares that he will return shortly to Elisabethville and thence to Kolwezi on Monday.

b. The UN may have different ideas. Tshombé's errant behavior stands to strengthen the hand of UN officials on the spot who do not agree with U Thant that an attempt should be made to win Tshombé's cooperation in assuring peaceful entry into Kolwezi.

c. UN forces are continuing their cautious probing movement between Jadotville and Kolwezi. Orders to avoid a head on clash with Katangan units remain in force. Reports coming through from Kolwezi cite growing indiscipline and restiveness among the Katangan gendarmarie there and there is a question whether orders from Tshombé to avoid destruction would be obeyed.

d. A UN release this morning announces that the advance to Sakania, close by the Northern Rhodesian border, has been completed.

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- B. Laos Souvanna says that he too believes that the US should deed a number of planes to the Laotian government to be used for relief air drops in Pathet Lao territory. Under these conditions, he says, the Pathet Lao could not shoot up the supply planes, but our embassy in Vientiane thinks otherwise.
- C. Argentina Top government officials, who say that public unrest is welling up again because of the country's economic distress, are talking in terms of financial disaster and new disorders unless help comes quickly.
- D. Indonesia-Netherlands The Dutch representative at the UN has given an emphatic "no" to an Indonesian proposal that the date of the transfer of West New Guinea be moved up and that the reference to self-determination be stricken from the New Guinea agreement.
- E. Panama Our Embassy fears a resurgence of public emotion over the Canal issue arising out of a petition to the Panamanian Supreme Court asking it to declare the 1903 Canal treaty unconstitutional.
- F. USSR [redacted] the Russians are suffering from a serious shortage of foreign exchange traceable to a fall-off in exports. [redacted]

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